

Pier Study Committee Appointed

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The pier study committee approved by town meeting in March was appointed by selectmen this week.

The seven-member committee includes Bill TenHoor and John Hagerty, both of Water St.; Shawn Dahlen of Long Pont Lane; Paul Brogna of Village Way; Ted Devnew of Partridge Rd.; Peter Roveto of Powder Point Ave. and Heidi Laird of Washington St. There will also be an ex-officio planning board member.

TenHoor and Hagerty were the proponents of two annual town meeting articles involving piers: one to study piers at a cost of \$10,000, another to place a moratorium on all new piers and reconstructions. Town

Meeting voters passed the study committee and appropriated \$10,000 for the study, but rejected the moratorium. TenHoor and Hagerty wanted the study in order to learn about the cumulative impact piers have on Duxbury Bay. They hoped the committee would discover how other coastal communities regulate piers, especially those that interfere with the public's access to the waterfront from town landings.

The committee will be known as the Pier Access and Shoreline Study Committee, (PASS). It will study, develop and recommend new regulations and design guidelines for piers. It will also review pier design, siting, and permitting. The committee can use the

\$10,000 to hire a consultant or for materials and services. It can also spend private funds under the town manager's direction. TenHoor has said that at least \$5,000 in donations has been raised to supplement the town meeting money.

The committee is also charged with coordinating its activities with the newly appointed bay-wide study committee that is looking to develop a management plan for the waterfront and entire bay. Dahlen was also appointed to this group and he will act as a liaison between the two committees.

PASS will be responsible for reporting its findings and making recommendations to next year's town meeting.